

**“IN AN OUTBURST OF ANGER  
I HID MY FACE FROM YOU FOR A MOMENT,  
BUT WITH EVERLASTING LOVINGKINDNESS I  
WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON YOU,”**



Elsie Danyo of Missoula, and Olivia Riley of Bozeman  
having a great time  
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend  
Christ' Church  
Bozeman, MT

**There will be “glory and honor and  
peace to everyone who does good, to  
the Jew first and also to the Greek. For  
there is no partiality with God.”**

***Romans 2:10,11***

“Follow through in 2022!!”

**January 23, 2022**

**Christ's Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Andrew Wallace

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

L.S. - Bob Edgar

Sp pres - John Odell - Messianic Proph.

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Nick Odell

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Young adult fellowship - Sat. 1/29**

@6:00 pm. -- Dinner and games at

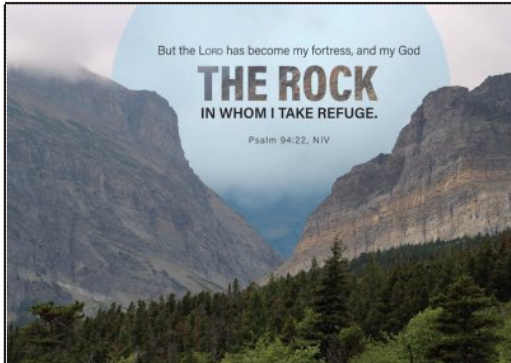
the Helfrich's. Bring fav. snack food

and game. For more info call Andrew

**Jan. fasting (Jan. 29,30). Potluck**

**Jan. 30 following assembly, Theme:**  
comfort food

**Butte**



**BOZEMAN -**

***Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:**

**Phil Sutton on 2 Peter**

**GREAT FALLS -**

***Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:**

***“Perfectionism” - Jay Wilson presentation***

**Great Falls**

**Feb. 6 - Potluck following assembly**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022**

**Men's Peaks - July 21-23, 2022**

**Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022**



Blessed are  
those who  
trust in  
the  
**LORD,**

whose trust  
is the **LORD.**

JEREMIAH 17:7, NRSV

**Question of the week:**

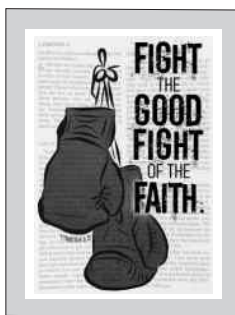
When Matthew in his gospel account quoted Isaiah about Jesus' not breaking off a battered reed or putting out a smoldering wick, who was referenced as trusting in His name?

Last week's question: When Abraham bought the cave of Machpelah from Ephron the Hittite for 400 shekels of silver as a burial place for Sarah, what was the standard for weighing out the silver? *Answer: "Commercial standard" (Genesis 23:16).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 73  
Morning Assembly – 94  
Evening Assembly – 56

Wednesday Night (1/19) – 70  
Butte Lord's Day – 9  
GF Lord's Day – 72,88, Wed. - 38



The epistles of the evangelists

## The Goal of our Instruction

There have always been those who are most concerned about outward appearance. The “whitewashed tombs,” the Pharisees of Jesus’ day, stand as a great example. “You outwardly appear righteous,” was Jesus’ divine analysis, “but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (Matthew 23:28). The Jewish society, operating under the full knowledge of the Law, tended to produce this type of hypocrisy among its leadership. The Pharisees were the teacher/leaders, and therefore to be the examples to the rest of their synagogues, but in failing to live up to the law and shackled by guilty consciences, they then put up the pretense of living the law. “They do all their deeds to be noticed by men,” was the Lord’s blunt exposure (Matthew 23:5).

Such was the society of the synagogue out of which grew the congregation in Ephesus. The “loud mouths” of Jewish background which had not processed the difference between Christianity and Judaism were still locked in to a similar type of hypocrisy and exercising influence in the congregation wherein Timothy was laboring. Paul therefore explains: “But the goal of our instruction is *love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith*” (1 Timothy 1:5). The word “instruction” here is not just a recommended list; it embodies the force of teaching that needs to be carried out!

- ◆ **Love from a pure heart** – *Purity* is always the key to Christianity. Nothing really good is ever going to come from an impure heart, especially new covenant *agape* love. This pure heart can only live in those who are under the covenant of faith, who have been purified from their sins and their evil ways through their immersions into Christ, who have obeyed the truth of the gospel (1 Peter 1:22). The law system cannot grant a pure heart, nor does it provide for the development of Christ’s love within the saint. “We know love by this,” said the apostle John, “that He laid down His life for us; and that we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16).
- ◆ **A good conscience** – The system of law has no mechanism for granting a clean conscience. “Through the law comes the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:19), but there is no true provision for forgiveness, and no means of granting the individual a new beginning. But the new covenant, “the faith of Christ,” has all that! To those who have come under the terms of the new covenant, it is written, “And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Hebrews 10:17). The new heart is thus spoken of as “sprinkled clean from an evil conscience” (Hebrews 10:22). Through immersion into Christ, the appeal to God is made for a good conscience (1 Peter 3:21).
- ◆ **A sincere faith** – The word of God is so designed that it exposes the dishonest heart. When Jesus, for example, spoke of the good soil in His parable, He spoke of the seed of the word of God falling on or being sown “in an honest and good heart” (Luke 8:15). Only in the honest heart is where the seed bears fruit; all other hearts are not the honest and good ones. The dishonest heart’s claim to faith is a bogus one; it is not a “sincere faith.” A sincere faith results as described by Paul: “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). The person of Jewish background would need honestly to process the Old Testament foreshadows and prophecies, and see that they point to Christ and the faith of Christ as the future system.

- 1) LOVE FROM A PURE HEART
- 2) A GOOD CONSCIENCE
- 3) A SINCERE FAITH

The goal, the end product, of new covenant teaching cannot be accomplished by the old covenant system. Hence those who are attempting to hold on to the old covenant in any way are locked out of the spiritual blessings of the new covenant: no new covenant love, no new covenant “good conscience,” and no new covenant “sincere faith.” New wine cannot be put into old wineskins, and those who attempt to live as old covenant people end up being hypocrites without the sincere faith of those who have come under the terms of the new!

JAY WILSON